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Reference Department's telegram 2508 April 24. Piece work rate for screen printing 6 yen for lowest grade two-color scarves. Total processing cost per scarf 23.33 yen, including 5 yen for hand rolling and other indirect labor charges included in design, screen, finishing, other costs. Cost of multicolor scarves increases in accordance number printing operations involved. Hourly production per worker seven scarves lowest grade minimum colors, making hourly earnings for printing 42 yen. Workers paid on basis monthly wage averaging 17,000 yen for males, 5,000 yen females, with overall average for industry 8,000 yen including all benefits under Japanese labor laws. Foreign Office has supplied Embassy Washington above data as 280 yen processing charges per dozen. Cost silk 935 yen, shipping charges and profit 60 yen, for total production cost lowest grade scarves 1,275 yen per dozen.

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